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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, GW, PO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES  
TO BONN

REF: BONN 7256

BEGIN SUMMARY: SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY DINGELS  
TOLD EMBOFF THAT SOARES DURING RECENT VISIT TO BONN WAS  
CERTAINLY "NOT JOYFUL" ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN  
PORTUGAL BUT HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE AND WAS DETERMINED.  
SOARES VISITED BONN JUNE 15-16, AND MET WITH SPD  
CHAIRMAN BRANDT AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. THE SITUATION  
IN PORTUGAL, AS DINGELS SAW IT (AFTER SPEAKING WITH  
SOARES) IS EXTREMELY FLUID AND HE FELT THAT IT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHETHER THE MODERATES OR THE  
RADICALS WILL GET THE UPPER HAND IN THE AFM. END  
SUMMARY

1. SPD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY HANS-EBERHARD DINGELS  
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GAVE AN EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE SOARES

VISIT TO BONN JUNE 15-16; SOARES WAS CERTAINLY "NOT JOYFUL" ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN PORTUGAL HE SAID BUT HAD NOT GIVEN UP HOPE. THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL WAS EXTREMELY FLUID AND IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE MODERATES OR THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE AFM WOULD GET THE UPPER HAND. THE SITUATION SEEMED TO CHANGE HOUR BY HOUR WITHIN THE AFM ACCORDING TO DINGELS. DINGELS COMMENTED THAT SOARES WAS DETERMINED AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER BELIEVED THAT THE PROMISED EC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL SHOULD NOT BE STOPPED.

2. DINGELS SAID THERE WAS VERY LITTLE THE SPD COULD DO TO HELP SOARES EXCEPT TO DEMONSTRATE POLITICAL AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS. IT WAS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT THAT SOARES WAS RECEIVED BY SCHMIDT AND BRANDT. THERE ARE DIFFERING VIEWS, DINGELS SAID, ABOUT THE SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL. AT LEAST, UP UNTIL NOW IT APPEARED, ACCORDING TO DINGELS, THE SOVIETS WERE UNWILLING TO RISK EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER.

3. COMMENT: DINGELS' MOOD AFTER THE SOARES VISIT WAS MORE SOBER THAN IT HAD BEEN WHEN WE LAST SPOKE TO HIM ABOUT PORTUGAL ON MAY 2.  
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